

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the Final Office action mailed February 5, 2010, claims 1 – 3, 5, 7, 10, and 13 were rejected and claims 4, 6, 8, 9, 11, 12, and 14 were objected to. Applicants point out that claims 7 and 10 are not directly addressed. In response, Applicants have amended claims 1, 4, 6, 8, and 11, canceled claim 14, and added new claims 15 – 17. Applicants respectfully request that the amendments be entered to put the claims in condition for allowance. Applicants hereby request reconsideration of the application in view of the amendments and the below-provided remarks.

For reference, claims 4, 6, 8, and 11 have been amended to change the term “CRC data block” to “CRC *check* data block” as recited claim 1.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants appreciate the Examiner’s review of the claims and determination that claims 4, 6, 8, 9, 11, 12, and 14 recite allowable subject matter. In particular, the Office Action states that claims 4, 6, 8, 9, 11, 12, and 14 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants have rewritten the claims as indicated below.

Claim 1 (1 + 14)

Claim 1 is amended to include all of the limitations of claim 14. The limitations from claim 14 have been amended to change “check data block” to “*CRC* check data block” to correspond to the term as used in claim 1. Claim 14 is canceled. Because claim 14 includes all of the limitations of claims 1 and 14, Applicants assert that amended claim 1 is in allowable condition. Dependent claims 3 – 13 are allowable at least based on an allowable claim 1.

New Claim 15 (1 + 5 + 6)

New claim 15 includes all of the limitations of claims 1, 5, and 6 as presented in Applicants' response dated November 6, 2009. Because new claim 15 includes all of the limitations of claims 1, 5, and 6, Applicants assert that new claim 15 is in allowable condition.

New Claim 16 (1 + 10 + 11)

New claim 16 includes all of the limitations of claims 1, 10, and 11 as presented in Applicants' response dated November 6, 2009. Because new claim 16 includes all of the limitations of claims 1, 10, and 11, Applicants assert that new claim 16 is in allowable condition. New claim 17 is dependent on claim 16 and is the same as dependent claim 12.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. 103

Claims 1, 3, 5, and 13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Walczak et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 5,818,348, hereinafter Walczak) in view of Meier (EP 0805575, hereinafter Meier). However, Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection is moot in view of the above-identified amendments.

CONCLUSION

Generally, in this Amendment and Response, Applicants have not raised all possible grounds for (a) traversing the rejections of the Office action or (b) patentably distinguishing any new claims (i.e., over the cited references or otherwise). Applicants however, reserve the right to explicate and expand on any ground already raised and/or to raise other grounds for traversing and/or for distinguishing, including, without limitation, by explaining and/or distinguishing the subject matter of the Application and/or any cited reference at a later time (e.g., in the event that this Application does not proceed to issue with the claims as herein amended, or in the context of a continuing application).

Applicants submit that nothing herein is, or should be deemed to be, a disclaimer of any

rights, acquiescence in any rejection, or a waiver of any arguments that might have been raised but were not raised herein, or otherwise in the prosecution of this Application, whether as to the original claims or as to any of the new claims, or otherwise. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, Applicants reserve the right to reintroduce one or more of the original claims in original form or otherwise so as to claim the subject matter of those claims, both/either at a later time in prosecuting this Application or in the context of a continuing application.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the claims in view of the amended claims, the new claims, and the remarks made herein. A notice of allowance is earnestly solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,

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